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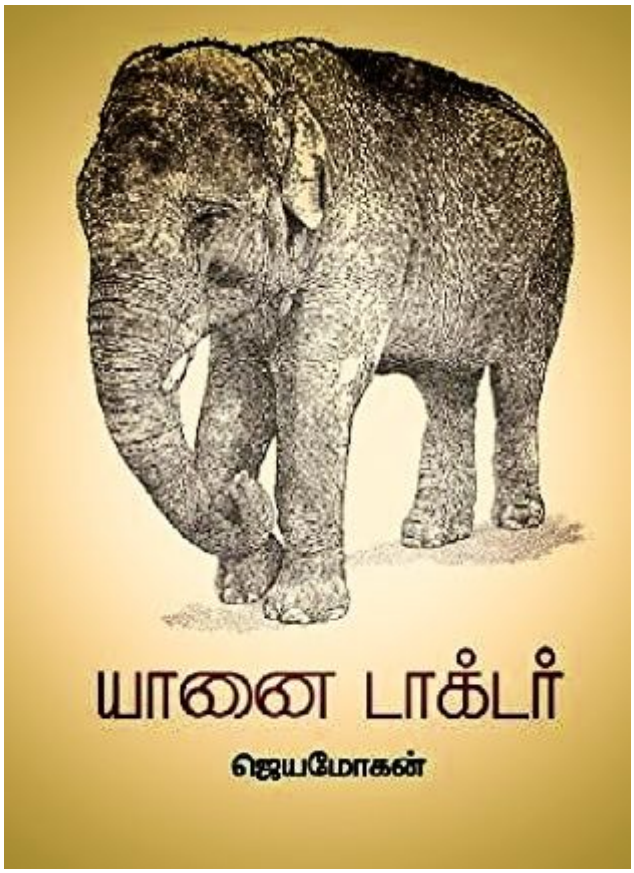

“Yannai Doctor,” authored by Jayamogan, is one of his finest works, exploring themes of wildlife, forests, and the cruelty humans inflict upon animals. The story follows a forest officer who receives a call from a friend informing him that his name has been added to the prestigious “Bharat Shri” award list, fulfilling his long-held wish. This news brings back memories of his encounters with Dr. K.

One morning, the officer received an early call from Mari Muthu, his assistant, informing him that an elephant had died in the forest and was being examined by the doctors. As the officer approached the site, the stench of the decaying elephant’s body hit him. Upon arrival, he saw an elderly man, presumably the doctor, performing the postmortem and removing handfuls of white worms from the carcass. The sight was so revolting that the officer felt nauseous, vomited, and fainted. He was taken to the resting room, and upon waking a few hours later, the memory of the white worms haunted him, making him feel disgusted even when looking at rice.

A Chance Encounter with Dr. Krishnamoorty

A month after a prior incident, the officer found himself face-to-face with Dr. Krishnamoorty, who was known among the people as “Yannai Doctor.” The doctor greeted the officer with a smile, but the officer, surprised and unprepared for the meeting,

failed to return it. Realizing his mistake, the officer regretted his reaction and considered apologizing many times but couldn't bring himself to do so. Then, one day, the officer was affected by an allergic plant and was taken to Dr. K for treatment. This encounter marked the first true connection between the two. Dr. K, who was known for his deep compassion for the villagers and tribes in the forest, tended to the officer with care. Despite his initial disgust, especially when served a hot tea that brought memories of white worms to mind, the officer drank it in one gulp, reflecting on how he himself was filled with impurities inside his body. This meeting turned into a profound conversation about the forest, animals, and even the unsettling white worms, forging an unexpected bond between the officer and the doctor.

An Unlikely Bond and an Elephant's Rescue

Following their initial connection, the officer and Dr. Krishnamoorty grew very close. One day, they encountered an injured elephant, hurt by a beer bottle carelessly discarded by a tourist. The bottle had lodged itself in the elephant's leg, causing great pain. Dr. K, with his expert hands, carefully cut away the embedded glass, cleaned the wound with medicine, and applied a bandage. To the officer's surprise, Dr. K then covered the bandage with wet sand. When the officer inquired about this, Dr. K explained that elephants dislike the color white; if the elephant saw the bandage, it might become irritated and try to remove it. However, with the wet sand, the elephant would remain unaware and not be bothered by it. As they worked, a group of elephants, including a baby, watched from a distance, silently observing the care given to their companion. This incident further deepened the bond between the officer and Dr. K, as they shared a profound moment of empathy and respect for the majestic creatures of the forest.

The Encounter with the Red Forest Dog

In another remarkable incident, the officer and his team received information about a gathering of the elusive and feared red forest dogs. Unlike usual, these wild dogs seemed unbothered by the presence of humans. Dr. Krishnamoorty, confident yet calm, instructed the officers and others to stay back while he approached the red dogs alone. The onlookers were filled with fear and anxiety, uncertain of what would happen. However, to their astonishment, one of the red dogs leaped towards Dr. K and behaved like a domesticated pet, completely at ease with him.

The dog then led Dr. K to a hidden location, leaving the others anxiously waiting. After a short while, Dr. K returned and explained that one of the red dogs had been injured, and he had provided the necessary treatment. He also revealed that the dog that led him there was poised to take over as the leader of the group. This extraordinary display of trust and understanding between Dr. K and the wild animals once again left everyone in awe of his unique bond with the creatures of the forest.

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